



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CANCER SURVIVORS MONTH

- WHEREAS: There are more than 410,720 individuals living with a history of cancer in Georgia and over 15.5 million cancer survivors across the nation. An estimated 1.6 million cancer cases are diagnosed in the United States each year, including 48,070 cases in Georgia alone; and
- WHEREAS: Cancer survivors and their families exhibit extraordinary courage, faith, and strength as they cope with the emotional, physical, and financial burdens associated with the disease and treatment; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the many healthcare professionals, organizations, advocacy groups, and individuals committed to increasing cancer survivorship and assisting survivors; and
- WHEREAS: Nationally, June 4<sup>th</sup> is National Cancer Survivors Day, and June is National Cancer Survivors Month. During this time, Georgia citizens are encouraged to promote greater awareness of the special needs, challenges, and opportunities associated with surviving cancer, and to extend their support to cancer survivors in their local communities; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as CANCER SURVIVORS MONTH in Georgia, and June 4, 2017, as CANCER SURVIVORS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF